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Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Attention: Elisa Wynne, Staff Director

Honorable Phil Ting, Chair Assembly Budget Committee

Attention: Christian Griffith, Chief Consultant

Amendment to Budget Bill Items 0530-001-0890 and 0530-001-9745, Support, California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS)

Preschool Development Grant Authority Increase (Issue 061)—It is requested that Item 0530-001-0890 be increased by \$4,684,000 one-time federal funds from the Preschool Development Grant Fund that supports early childhood services for children birth to age five. This program supports needs assessment, strategic planning, family engagement, quality improvement, workforce compensation and direct services for young children. CalHHS will use these contracting funds to provide overall grant implementation management with consultants and existing staff, analyses of services for quarterly state and federal reports, and coordination of cross-agency workgroup meetings.

California Emergency Medical Services Authority (Issue 062)—It is requested that Item 0530-001-9745 be increased by \$665,000 one-time from the California Health and Human Services Automation Fund and 3.0 ongoing positions to provide project management support to the Emergency Medical Services Authority for the California Emergency Medical Services Data Resource System Project planning efforts under the California Health and Human Services Agency. These resources would manage the POLST eRegistry and provide technical support lead for the California Emergency Medical Services Information System.

Child Welfare Services – California Automated Response and Engagements System (Issue 066)—It is requested that Item 0530-001-9745 be increased by \$19,055,000 and five positions ongoing to continue the design, development, and implementation activities of the Child Welfare Services – California Automated Response and Engagement System. See related issue in the Department of Social Services Finance Letter.

Health Innovations Initiative (Issue 074)—It is requested that Item 0530-001-0001 be increased by \$9 million General Fund one-time, for a total of \$10 million for the Health Innovations Initiative. This initiative promotes health and human services innovations that benefit California citizens. To the extent possible, the program will also ideally leverage private and philanthropic investments for this beneficial cause.

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Matt Aguilera, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 202-9663.

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/s/ Erika Li

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee

Attention: Mark McKenzie, Staff Director

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Attention: Kirk Feely, Fiscal Director

Honorable Chris R. Holden, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee

Attention: Jay Dickenson, Chief Consultant

Honorable Vince Fong, Vice Chair, Assembly Budget Committee

Attention: Joseph Shinstock, Fiscal Director

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